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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Forbid, Lord, that our roots become too firmly attached to a given moment in time or that our love be limited to earthly things.

Help us to understand that this journey of life is but an introduction, a preface, a school of love for what is yet to come.

Grant us, Lord, true perspective. Then shall we not be possessed by the things we possess, or love only the things of time, but come to love the things that endure.

Save us from the tyranny of possessions which we have no leisure to enjoy or property whose care becomes a burden or of games which only rob us of time.

May we have the courage to simplify our lives around family, friends and faith.

And by Your grace, may we be fully alive, not merely exist, enjoy our work and find balance in daily living so as to live as the free children of God now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. BOSWELL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BOSWELL led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 160. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the United Nations should remove the economic sanctions against Iraq completely and without condition.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 515. An act to provide additional authority to the Office of Ombudsman of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 107-306, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate, announces the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the National Commission for the Review of the Research and Development Programs of the United States Intelligence Community: The Honorable Fred Thompson of Tennessee. Bran Ferren of California.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 99-498, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, appoints Claude O. Pressnell, Jr. of Tennessee, to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for a three-year term.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 105-292, as amended by Public Law 106-55, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Michael K. Young of Washington, D.C.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will receive 10 1-minute speeches on each side.

HONORING CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, Members of Congress need access to information. The problem is there is so much of it that to process it and use it to make decisions is often difficult. My staff mines through a lot of information, does a great job with limited resources, and they often need help. And that is where the Congressional Research Service comes in.

CRS helps with research on nearly any topic. They are able to track down new stories, books. They can talk through issues, help review legislation. Congress would not be the same without the valuable service they provide. My office has had the privilege of working with CRS quite closely on a number of issues. In particular, Ted Stedman and Wayne Riddle helped update my Dollars to the Classroom Act.

Tim and Wayne and their colleagues at CRS are an invaluable part of what we are trying to accomplish here in Congress. I thank CRS for their hard work, for their dedication in providing Congress with the tools that we need to address the issues our Nation faces.

HONORING BETTI AND CARLOS LIDSKI

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay special tribute to two

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